

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING **September 5, 2013** *(Approved)*

Members Present: David Lindh, Brad Simpkins, Kevin Pratt, George Klauber, Michael Brown, Jeremy Thibeault, Richard McGahey, Kerry LeBlanc and Earl Sweeney .

Members Absent: Chair Carrier, William Degnan, J. Michael Joyal and Mark Tetreault.

Vacancy: Dept. of Education Designee.

Others Present: *Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services*—Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief; Nick Mercuri, EMS Bureau Chief; Denice McAdoo, Recording Secretary; Dep. Chief Eric Wilking (Exeter FD); Jason Lyon (Chief – New London FD and President of NHAFC); Rob Wolinski (Chief – Webster FD); David Jones; Benjamin Selleck; Tom Foote; Ed Meheux; Rick Todd; Chief Patricia LaMothe (Stoddard FD); Ed White; Ron Klemarczyk; Bryan Nowell (DRED); Chief Allan Clark (Sugar Hill FD); Meredith Lund (Field Capt.); Stephen Gallagher (Portsmouth FD); Andy Anderson (Deering FD); Bill Campbell (Nashua FD); Bud Nelson; Paul Sanborn; Bradford Williamson and Chester Martel.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Item 1. Call to Order. The meeting of the New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission was called to order by Vice - Chair Lindh at 9:10 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Commissioner Sweeney.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sweeney; seconded by Commissioner Thibeault to go out of order of the Agenda and go right into New Business. Motion passed unanimously.

Bureau Chief Phillips brought everyone up to date on the Swiftwater program. Ben Selleck was present to address any questions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sweeney; seconded by Commissioner Thibeault to adopt the Swiftwater programs as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Next was the 1041 standard – Fire & Emergency Services Instructor I-II & III pilot programs. Paul Raymond, program coordinator was present to address any questions and give a short synopsis. Looking for approval of the visiting committee report and authorization to run two pilot programs.

Motion made by Commissioner Thibeault; seconded by Commissioner McGahey to approve the V/C report and run 2 pilot programs. Motion passed unanimously.

Next was the NFPA 472 HazMat Tech program. The recommendation of the V/C was to continue with the Fire Institute program and to run pilot programs.

Motion was made by Commissioner McGahey; seconded by Commissioner Sweeney to move the NFPA 472 – HazMat Tech to a pilot program. Motion passed unanimously.

Next was the NWCG 1051 Wildland program. V/C met in August and recommends that the NWCG program be maintained and a stand-alone program (32 Hrs.) that can also be run. There is also an on-line program, where the student does all classroom work on line and meets to do the practical portion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Simpkins; seconded by Commissioner Pratt to move NWCG 1051 Wildland program to pilot. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Simpkins commented that 1051 is also Wildland II and they V/C will have to meet additionally on that.

Requests to establish new visiting committees came next.

- NFPA 1031 – 1033 – 1035: Inspector I – II – III

- Plans Examiner I – II
- Swiftwater/Surf Program
- Surface Water Program

Motion was made by Commissioner Thibeault; seconded by Commissioner Pratt to establish these new visiting committees. Motion passed unanimously.

Wildland – 1051: Bureau Chief Phillips read aloud (2) documents, one of which was in the Commissioners packets, the other was not.

Assistant Chief Eric Wilking (Exeter FD) brought a power point presentation. Assistant Chief Wilking also pointed out that 24 hours is considered middle ground for a Wildland program. He also stated we should not confuse hours of instruction with meeting or exceeding the standard. NWCG does meet the standard. The standard does not address the time it takes to cover the material.

Stephen Gallagher (PC/NHFA; Portsmouth FD) spoke about safety issues of Wildland training and also spoke about training/Reciprocity with other states, such as Florida.

Several members of the public gallery voiced their concerns/opinions regarding reducing or removing Wildland (1051) from FFI program.

Dep. Chief Anderson (Deering FD) and Commissioner Simpkins requested to have public hearings (2 – one during the daytime; one in the evening) with regard to Wildland FFI.

Motion was made by Commissioner Simpkins; seconded by Commissioner Pratt to use the 8 hour Wildland curriculum, unless the 24 hour one is asked for. If the 24 hour curriculum is asked for it can then be taught in place of, but not in addition to the 8 hour Wildland curriculum.

Motion was then made by Commissioner Klauber; seconded by Commissioner McGahey to table further discussion of WFF-1/FFI curriculum until the next regular commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Non-Public Session - ***Motion*** was made by Commissioner Lindh; seconded by Commissioner Thibeault to enter non-public session at 11:25 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Klauber; seconded by Commissioner Pratt to re-enter public/regular session at 11:40 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Bureau Chief Phillips announced that Commissioner Lyon's seat will now be filled by Lt. Bill Campbell (Nashua FD), who will be representing the Fire Instructors & Officers Association of NH (FIOANH) and Chair Carrier was reappointed and will now be representing the NHAFC (formerly represented by Jay Lyon).

It was decided to table approval of the June 6th minutes (pending corrections) until the November 7th meeting.

There was a discussion of having a survey sent out via e-mail regarding Wildland FF curriculum. It was decided that

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. was made by Commissioner McGahey and seconded by Commissioner Klauber. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief